

Remarks

Careful consideration has been given the Official Action dated July 7, 2004 in preparing this amendment. The Examiner is thanked for his early indication of the allowability of Claims 1-7, 9-19. Reconsideration of Claims 8 and 20 is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the remarks which follow.

Claims 8 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for containing a trademark. Applicant has amended the claims to remove the trademark, the claims in question now simply claiming that the pad is made of an elastomeric material. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment obviates the rejection based on 35 USC §112, second paragraph. In addition, a typographical error in Claim 7 has been corrected by this amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 meet the formal requirements set forth in 35 USC §112, define around the art of record and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this amendment to the above identified application entitled "**Harmonic Stabilizer System for Rifle Barrel and A Rifle Equipped Therewith**" is being deposited with the United States Postal Service addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mailstop Non-Fee Amendment, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 with adequate first class postage on the date shown.

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